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BOOK REVIEWS

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EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR NURSES, WITH OTHER ADDRESSES ON NURSING SUBJECTS. By Isabel Hampton Robb. E. C. Koeckert, 715 Rose Building, Cleveland.

This volume, appearing as it does after the death of the author, commands a melancholy interest for all Mrs. Robb's friends. The matter is not new; in a prefatory note the fact is stated that "in response to many requests" she has "brought together in book form several of the articles written on nursing subjects, with particular reference to those dealing with the three years' course of training." The papers cover a period of thirteen years and number fifteen; they were given by Mrs. Robb on various occasions, beginning with the International Congress of Charities, Correction and Philanthropy, held in Chicago during the World's Fair of 1893.

One notes with wonder how unchanged in a world of swift-moving changes, Mrs. Robb's teaching rests. Her methods have not been superseded; indeed, while many have joined her in theory, there are but few schools that have come up to the minimum which she regarded as imperative. Away back in 1893, which is a remote date when one regards the nursing system as a whole, she made her plea for the three years' course with an eight-hour day. All right thinking people agree that this is a most reasonable demand; but how many hospital boards or training school boards have adopted the standard? That it will arrive, no one can doubt; for Mrs. Robb prophesied unerringly; her plans matured without mishap, and, "No work begun shall ever pause for death." So, whether it be the three years' course, preliminary training, or whichever of the reform measures Mrs. Robb set going, one feels confident of their eventual working out.

MASSAGE MOVEMENTS, Including the Nauheim Exercises. Price, 1 shilling. The Scientific Press, Ltd., 28–29 Southampton St., Strand, London.

This is a little booklet of tiny proportions but purporting to carry between its small covers of limp blue linen the essentials of the practice of massage, the Nauheim exercises, and a brief review of anatomy, in so

far as it is necessary for the masseuse to comprehend it, and including the bones, some of the nerves, and muscles of the human body. The book is intended to make straight the crooked path of the unlearned among words derived from the Latin, Greek, or modern foreign languages; the pronunciation of each word in this order being given in italics immediately after the word itself and preceding its meaning—not in a glossary at the end, but wherever it occurs throughout the book. To some the book will seem to have been lost, strayed, or stolen from the kindergarten department, which would seem to be its proper place, but there are others, of insular education, or perhaps the victims of a treacherous memory, who will find in this small blue book just the friend in need they so often require to help them over a difficulty. Bound in blue linen covers, and of a size to slip in an apron pocket, it can at least claim to be in no one's way until it is needed.

SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES. By Harold Burrows, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Late Assistant Surgeon to the Seaman's Hospital and to the Bolingbroke Hospital; Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Portsmouth Hospital. 1s. 6d. net. The Scientific Press, Ltd.

The second edition of this work, enlarged and revised. It is designed to assist in the arrangements for surgical operations. It consists of lists of instruments needed for all the major operations, and is illustrated so that, though the text might be unintelligible to the person preparing for the occasion, he could not fail to find and arrange the articles necessary. There are directions for preparing for operation in remote places, where it may be impossible to obtain all the apparatus usually considered necessary. It is hard to imagine a nurse under such circumstances turning to a book to conquer the emergency, but if ever such there is, she may find what she seeks in this book.

OBSTETRICAL NURSING FOR NURSES AND STUDENTS. By Henry Enos Tuley, A.B., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics, Medical Department, University of Louisville; Visiting Obstetrician and Lecturer on Obstetrics to Training School for Nurses, John M. Norton Memorial Infirmary and the Louisville City Hospital; Member Sloane Maternity Alumni; Ex-Secretary and Chairman Section on Diseases of Children, etc. John P. Morton Company, Louisville, Kentucky.

This is a second edition. The book was written primarily for the nurses of the John M. Norton Memorial Infirmary, from notes used for lectures to the nurses in training in that school. While the text is much less than either Dr. Lee's or Dr. Cooke's books give us, the matter is essen-